[*Translation*]

Agreement with Nepal on Water Resources

3164. SHRI ARVIND TRIVEDI: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether talks have been held with Nepal for Co-operation in the field of water resources during the last three years;

(b) if so, whether any agreement has been arrived at in this regard; and

(c) the details thereof and the time by which it is likely to be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VIDYACHARAN SHUKLA): (a) to (c). Talks for co-operation in the field of water resources management have been held during the last three years – last time between Prime Ministers of Nepal and India at Delhi in December 1991. It was agreed that project parameters for Karnali multi-purpose project shall be finalised expeditiously. A detailed project report for Pancheshwar multi-purpose project shall be prepared jointly by October, 1992. Joint studies/investigations necessary to finalise the parameters of the Kosi High Dam Project would be carried out expeditiously. Nepal will carry out the needed investigations and prepare the feasibility report of the schemes of construction of storage reservoirs on Kamla and Bagmati by 1993. It was also agreed to work out cost effective proposals, for extension of embankments at the border along the rivers Kamla, Bagmati, Lal Bakaiya and Khandu for implementation with financial assistance from India.

[*English*]

Construction of ITDC Hotel at Farakka

3165. SHRI ZAINAL ABEDIN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether ITDC propose to develop Farakka, West Bengal as a tourist site;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether ITDC is constructing a hotel there;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the progress made so far in this direction?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) and (e). Do not arise.

Revival of Vayudoot Services

3166. SHRI ARVIND TULSIRAM KAMBLE: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Vayudoot services closed down during 1990 and 1991;

(b) the reasons for their closure;

(c) whether the Government propose to revive such closed routes; and

(d) if so, the details of such routes and when these are likely to be restarted?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b). Due to commercial and operational reasons Vayudoot operations were withdrawn from 45 stations during the years 1990 and 1991.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Telecasting of Films of New Film Producer

3167. SHRIMATI SHEELA GAUTAM:
SHRI RAJESH KUMAR:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Doordarshan provides opportunities to the new film producers for telecasting their films; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS): (a) and (b). Offers for telecast of films, made by producers including new producers, which fulfil the eligibility criteria are processed by Doordarshan and placed before the appropriate Selection Committees for approval. Films which are approved by the Selection Committee are scheduled for telecast according to programme requirements of Doordarshan after completion of the requisite formalities.

Use of 'Bombay' by Doordarshan in place of 'Mumbai'

3168. SHRI MOHAN RAWALE: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether in Hindi Samachar the name 'Mumbai' was used for Bombay by Doordarshan from the middle of August, 1990 upto the first week of February, 1991;

(b) whether any instructions were issued to the Doordarshan in this connection;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) the reasons for which the Doordarshn used in name 'Mumbai' for more than five months and reverted to use the name as Bombay in Hindi Samachar; and

(e) the specific guidelines issued in this regard?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS): (a) to (e). The use of the word 'Mumbai' in the Hindi news bulletin of Doordarshan was discontinued after it was pointed out that the Government of India had not approved the change of the name of Bombay city to Mumbai. The status quo will be maintained by Doordarshan till any change in the name of the city is officially approved by the Government of India.

Power Tariff Structure

3169. SHRI TARA CHAND KHANDELWAL:
SHRI SHRAVAN KUMAR PATEL:
SHRI GURUDAS KAMAT:

Will the Minister of POWER AND NON – CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have directed the D.E.S.U. to rationalise the power tariff structure;

(b) if so, whether D.E.S.U. has since taken any steps in this direction;